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## Father Charged With Attempted Murder of Baby Son

A Tennessee man was charged today with trying to kill his 8-month-old son last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said.

Michael Freeman (dob 5/13/89) was charged in case BA477133 with one count each of attempted murder and child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death.

He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Jon Hatami of the Complex Child Abuse Section, Family Violence Division, is prosecuting the case.

The defendant, who lives in Nashville, was visiting Los Angeles. On April 18, he is accused of grabbing his son, Legend F., away from the child's mother and locking him and the baby inside a vacant apartment.

Police responded and when they went inside the apartment they found Freeman allegedly beating the baby. Officers were able to subdue the defendant and he was arrested.

Prosecutors are recommending that Freeman be held without bail. If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.